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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0268  
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
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AMEMBASSY OSLO  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
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AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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PARIS ALSO FOR UNESCO

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: AORG, PORG, UNESCO, UK, US  
SUBJECT: PLO SEEKING PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS AT  
UNESCO

REF: STATE 80985, LONDON 5640

1. WE HAD ANOTHER DISCUSSION WITH FCO ACTING DIRECTOR  
OF NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICA DEPARTMENT WILLIAMS APRIL  
15. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT BRITISH HAVE NO BRIGHT IDEAS  
TO CONTRIBUTE ON WAYS TO HEAD OFF TUNISIAN INITIATIVE.  
BRITISH WOULD EXPECT TO ABSTAIN ON QUESTION ONCE AGAIN.  
WILLIAMS NOTED THERE IS LARGE AND GROWING CORPUS OF  
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PRECEDENCE FOR BRITISH ABSTENTION ON SUCH QUESTIONS.

2. WE TOLD WILLIAMS THAT WE HAD REPORTED HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION WITH COMMENT THAT ABSTENTION IS LIKELY UNLESS DEPARTMENT FOUND WAY TO MAKE THE ISSUE CONSIDERABLY MORE IMPORTANT IN TOTAL PICTURE THAN IT NOW WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY FCO. WILLIAMS TOOK THE REMARK IN GOOD SPIRIT BUT INDICATED LITTLE LIKELIHOOD BRITISH WOULD CHANGE THEIR POSITION. HE NOTED POLITIZATION OF UN AGENCIES HAS ALREADY GONE A LONG WAY. BRITISH VIEW ABSTENTION AS WAY TO INDICATE BALANCE IN THEIR POLICY BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINIANS. UK IS NOT ANTI-PALESTINIAN AND TAKES CARE TO AVOID GESTURES WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED THAT WAY.

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